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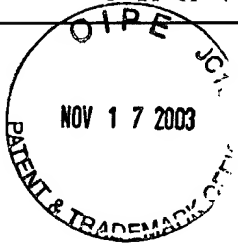
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/267,199  
Filed: March 12, 1999  
Inventors: Barkur G. BHAT *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with the Tocopherol Pathway  
Atty. Docket: 16517.233

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Appellant's Brief (in triplicate), with attached Appendix A; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$330.00 for filing Appellant's Brief to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.233. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.233. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "David R. Marsh" and the second is "Holly Logue Prutz".

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